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Applicant : Steve Hogle et al.  
GRP Art Unit : 3632  
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Filing Date : October 20, 2003  
Cnfrm No. : 4087  
For : **HEIGHT ADJUSTABLE BOAT SEAT PEDESTAL**

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Dear Sir:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 CFR §1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months after the filing date of the above-referenced application but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed foreign patent documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

The following is a concise statement of relevance of the non-English language documents.

1. DE4426846 appears to disclose a length-adjustable gas spring for chairs, tables or the like.
2. EP0566045 appears to disclose an adjustable column, particularly for chairs.
3. EP0133523 appears to disclose a lengthwise adjustable gas spring for a lifting device for seats, table tops or the like.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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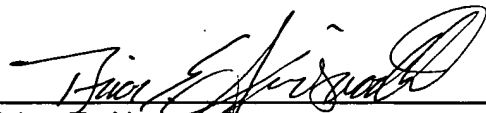
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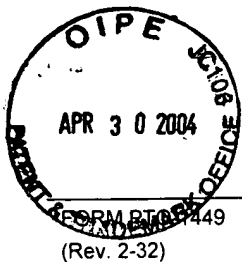
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### U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	6 4 8 1 6 7 5	11/19/2002	Yoon			
	6 4 7 4 6 1 9	11/05/2002	Ma			
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	5 7 0 2 0 8 3	12/30/1997	Lai			
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	5 4 9 7 9 6 6	03/12/1996	Fuhrmann			
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### FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
						YES	NO
	EP 0 5 6 6 0 4 5	10/20/1993	Europe				X
	DE 4 4 2 6 8 4 6	12/15/1994	Netherlands				X
	EP 0 1 3 3 5 2 3	02/27/1985	Europe				X

### OTHER DOCUMENTS (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)


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